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SPAIN

The Department of Defense has requested approval of the use of $40,232,000 for initiation of the Air Force construction program in Spain. The committee offers no objection to this proposal except for certain limitations which will be set forth in subsequent paragraphs. It is expected that requests will be made by the Department of Defense for utilization of funds in implementation of the program of the Department of the Navy, including the joint port facility at a later date.

SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM

The funds requested will be used to initiate construction on the first phase of the USAF construction program in Spain. This phase provides the first increment of minimum operational requirements at four bases, procurement of long-lead time material for the area petroleum pipe line and preparatory work for certain communication facilities. Total cost of the presently contemplated first phase of the program and the amounts requested and approved is shown in the following tabulation:

	Estimated total cost	Funds requested and approved
Torrejon AFB	$43,000,000	$8,897,000
El Copero AFB	30,000,000	7,686,000
Moron AFB	10,000,000	7,901,000
Zaragoza AFB	13,500,000	5,068,000
Area POL	26,000,000	9,680,000
Communication facilities	13,967,000	1,000,000
Total	136,467,000	40,232,000

No funds were requested for the second phase of the program. The committee anticipates that the Air Force will continue with advance planning on this phase so that when construction funds are requested, the estimates will be firm and reliable.

Funds approved by the Committee are to be used only for construction and materials for the first phase and in the manner contemplated in the justifications submitted in support of the request.

The testimony of the Department of the Air Force in justification of these estimates pointed out that location of these bases at the above-mentioned sites was final. This firm assurance that the base sites are definitely fixed is the principal factor in the committee's approval of these estimates in the total amount requested. Sad experiences in the past have shown the committee that cost estimates cannot be regarded as firm, and that the appropriation of construction funds is not desirable, until the definite site of the base is fixed. Funds made available herein for the four bases are to be used only for construction on those sites presented to the committee and set forth in this report. If one or more of these bases are not be be built, funds are not to be used elsewhere except by clearance with this Committee.

The committee expects that maximum economical utilization will be made of construction materials and equipment already owned by the Air Force and now surplus to the construction programs in the European-Africa area, particularly in French Morocco, in all portions of the construction program in Spain.

COUNTERPART FUNDS

Under the terms of the Defense Agreement signed with Spain in September 1953, funds available for economic aid will generate counterpart funds. Of the counterpart funds available approximately sixty percent will be available for the military construction program. No information was available to the committee at the time of the hearings as to the extent of these counterpart funds. It will be expected, however, that the Department of Defense will obtain clearance from this committee prior to the obligation of any counterpart funds on the military public works program and that the committee will be kept fully informed as to counterpart funds generated in Spain.

UNITED KINGDOM

The Department of Defense has requested the use of $33,653,000 currently available under Public Law 547, 82nd Congress, to provide facilities in support of assigned missions at designated Air Force installations in the United Kingdom. The funds requested will provide substantial completion of 17 United Kingdom bases, as shown in the following tabulations:

Base:	*Estimate*
Stanstead Mount Fitchet	$2,918,000
Chelveston	3,854,000
Bruntingthorpe	3,917,000
Alconbury	7,696,000
Molesworth	2,578,000
Greenham Common	1,249,000
Brize Norton	1,171,000
Upper Heyford	1,529,000
Fairford	1,490,000
Sculthorpe	911,000
Wethersfield	448,000
Woodbridge	77,000
Bentwaters	206,000
Shepherds Grove	307,000
Spilsby	882,000
Mildenhall	959,000
Lakenheath	783,000
Total	$30,975,000

The Committee approves the use of these funds in the manner contemplated by the Department of the Air Force with the understanding that the bases will be completed with these funds and that no additional funds will be requested except for minor increments, which may become essential at a later date.

Funds were requested in the amount of $2,038,000 for continuation of construction on Elvington Air Force Base as well as $640,000 for Sturgate Air Force Base. These funds will not complete these bases, but will move them well along toward completion. The Committee approves the obligation of these funds as requested by the Department of the Air Force.

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